

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 October 2023

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good understanding of the early years foundation stage and how to plan a challenging curriculum for children. The childminder discusses how she would spend time observing what children know and can do to plan appropriate next steps for their learning. The childminder understands her responsibility to complete a progress check for children aged two years.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles to children. She talks about how she will provide children with balanced and nutritious meals, encouraging them to try new flavours. The childminder discusses how she will use the various parks and green spaces local to her, to provide children with a variety of opportunities to be physically active.
- The childminder recognises the importance of having rules and boundaries in place. She talks about how she will teach children to be kind to each other, share resources and take turns. The childminder describes how she will promote children's independence, developing confidence in their own problem-solving abilities.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents. She describes how she would ensure that parents were kept up to date with their children's progress.
- The childminder recognises the importance of ensuring the setting is inclusive for all children and families. The childminder talks about how she would collect information during the settling-in period to understand what is important to children. Children would learn about the world around them through stories, conversations, and craft activities. Children would learn to be respectful of the views and opinions of others.
- The childminder understands the importance of continuing her own professional development, by keeping up to date with changes to guidance and best practice. The childminder would seek regular feedback from parents and carers to reflect and build on the service she offers.
- The childminder has kept her safeguarding training up to date. She has a secure understanding of her responsibility towards keeping children safe from harm or abuse. The childminder has clear recording and reporting procedures in place. She undertakes regular risk assessments of both the indoor and outdoor environments to ensure the safety of all children.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	115611
Local authority	Bexley
Inspection number	10307959
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	15 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1998 and lives in Bexley, Kent. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate childminding qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Natalie OLeary

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- Discussions were held between the inspector and childminder around the learning and welfare requirements.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about her knowledge of safeguarding.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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